



**The Corporation of the Township of Brock**

**Special Council Minutes - Draft**

**September 20, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

Members Present: Mayor John Grant  
Regional Councillor Smith  
Ward 1 Councillor Michael Jubb  
Ward 2 Councillor Claire Doble  
Ward 3 Councillor Walter Schummer  
Ward 4 Councillor Cria Pettingill  
Ward 5 Councillor Lynn Campbell

Staff Present: CAO Ingrid Svelnis  
Clerk/Deputy CAO Fernando Lamanna  
Deputy Clerk Maralee Drake  
Clerk's Assistant Deena Hunt  
Chief Building Official Richard Ferguson  
Planner, Debbie Vandenakker  
Receptionist/Clerk's Assistant Stefanie Stickwood

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**1. Call to Order & Moment of Silence - 5:00 p.m.**

Mayor Grant called the electronic meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present via electronic participation.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

It is important to begin each public gathering with a Land and Territorial Acknowledgement, to recognize the Indigenous people for being good stewards of the land and environment, here where we are meeting today. The Township of Brock has traditionally been a hunting and fishing ground for First Nations people. We reside on and benefit from the Williams Treaty Territories, on the

land of the Mississauga's and Chippewas. May we share the land as long as the sun rises, the grass grows and river flows.

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature Thereof**

None.

**4. Closed Session**

None.

**5. Rise from Closed Session**

**6. Matters from Closed Session**

**7. Delegations**

**7.1 John Armstrong and Andrew Payne, Masonry Works Council of Ontario**

Mr. John Armstrong and Mr. Andrew Payne, Masonry Works Council of Ontario, provided a verbal presentation which outlined their directive:

- to follow municipalities performing Official Plan reviews and provide Council with recommendations for language to be included in their plans
- consult with builders to encourage use of quality masonry products
- encourage smaller municipalities to incorporate urban design guidelines into their official plan and reference them throughout the plan
- encourage municipalities to use the tools available for urban design through the Planning Act

Mr. Armstrong advised that the Municipal Act changes have approved green building standards which are higher than the Building Code. He noted that providing beautiful places for the community to gather through use of quality materials could lead to a more prosperous community.

Council discussed and deliberated the information provided by the presenters and made the following comments:

- what specific advice was provided to other municipalities
- the potential impact on the affordability of homes with respect to language for inclusion in the Official Plan

**8. Consideration of Business for Which Notice was Given**

8.1 Township of Brock Official Plan Review Presentation

Mr. Matt Alexander, WSP, lead consultant for the Township's Official Plan Review, advised that notice of this meeting was publicized and provided a presentation which included the following information:

**Purpose of the Meeting**

- A requirement, under Section 26(3)(b) of the Planning Act, to hold a Special Council meeting that is open to the public to discuss potential revisions to the Official Plan and receive public input.

**Official Plan Review Purpose**

The Planning Act requires a review/update of the Official Plan every 5 years to incorporate recent legislation and policy changes as they pertain to the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, Durham Region Official Plan, Municipal Comprehensive Review, and recent studies from the municipality, Region, and Conservation Authorities.

**Workplan**

The 7 background study modules which will focus research and discuss key issues:

1. Vision and strategic direction
2. Housing and living areas
3. Growth management
4. Natural heritage and environmental opportunities
5. Infrastructure policy analysis
6. Health communities
7. Economic development

Mr. Alexander advised that each module includes public engagement activities, background research, preparation of a discussion paper, and a presentation to Council.

**Progress to Date**

- Engagement strategy finalized
- Module 2 - housing discussion paper
  - draft circulated to staff for comments

- engagement session being planned
- Module 1 - vision and strategic direction discussion paper
  - engagement session for public input held on August 31, 2021 (28 participants)
  - draft is underway

### **Next Steps**

#### September

- Section 26 meeting
- Module 1 Draft discussion paper
- Module 3 initial background research

#### October

- begin Module 4 - Natural heritage and environmental opportunities

#### November

- begin Module 5 - Infrastructure policy analysis

### **Discussion**

- Are there other key issues to be aware of
- What does the future of Brock Township look like
- Are there any myths or misconceptions about Brock Township to be aware of

Mr. Alexander advised that public input is welcomed throughout the review and comments may be shared on the Township's website page Let's Talk Brock.

Council discussed and deliberated the information provided by the consultant and provided input as follows:

- some members of Council participated in Module 1 engagement session on August 31, 2021
- residents are indicating the need for smart growth with healthy communities, beautiful community spaces, and bike paths
- support incorporating language into the Official Plan

- the Province has mandated density growth for the Greater Toronto Area
- the impact of 5 - 6 story buildings in smaller communities (increasing density)

Mr. Alexander advised that appropriate options to increase density would be reviewed and proposed for areas that could accommodate it. He advised that the public would have multiple opportunities to provide input over the next year.

**Resolution: 1-16**

**Moved by** Regional Councillor Smith

**Seconded by** Councillor Pettingill

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Brock Official Plan Review, Section 26 Meeting presentation by WSP be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. Public Questions and Clarification**

None.

**10. Confirmation By-law**

By-law Number 3073-2021 - to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on September 20, 2021.

**Resolution: 2-16**

**Moved by** Councillor Schummer

**Seconded by** Councillor Jubb

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law Number 3073-2021, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brock at its meeting held on September 20, 2021, be taken as read, enacted and signed by the Mayor and Clerk/Deputy CAO.

**CARRIED**

**11. Adjournment**

**Resolution: 3-16**

**Moved by** Councillor Campbell

**Seconded by** Councillor Schummer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting of Council adjourn at this time 5:56 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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Mayor

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Clerk